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Applicant: Dirk WERNICKE et al. Conf.: 5925
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USE OF COLLAGENASE 3 FOR DETECTING DESTRUCTIVE DISEASES
OF THE JOINTS, ESPECIALLY FOR PROGNOSING THE PROGRESSION
OF THE DISEASE AND THE GENETIC PREDISPOSITION FOR
RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

April 30, 2003

Sir:

Pursuant to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, attached hereto are three (3) sheets of corrected Formal Drawings. Please substitute these corrected drawings for the corresponding three (3) sheets of drawings on file in the above-identified application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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